

PREPAREDNESS ITEM: When no one shoots at 'em, why do the U. S. aeroplanes fall in Mexico?

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STORM windows one day and screens the next—that's gentle spring in tame Kansas.

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LOSS TEN MILLIONS TEX. CITY IN ASHES

8,000 Are Homeless at Paris, in Lone Star State.

2,000 Homes Ruins in Wake of Holocaust.

BUSINESS DISTRICT WIPED OUT

Four Perish in Flames Driven by Terrible Gale.

Appeal for Food and Shelter Sent Out by Mayor.

Paris, March 22.—Three persons are known to be dead and one is missing, and is believed to have perished, in the fire which destroyed all the business district and a greater part of the residential district of Paris last night. A statement issued by Mayor McCusick placed the loss at between \$8,000,000 and \$10,000,000. It is estimated that 8,000 people are homeless. The dead:

JOHN STRAUB, burned in his home.

MRS. W. J. BAILEY, aged about 50, died from freight.

UNIDENTIFIED NEGRO, found burned in home.

The missing:

Mrs. A. G. Poul, an aged woman, whose home was burned, and who has not been seen since before the fire.

Dallas Sends Aid.

Dallas, Texas, March 22.—Eight thousand persons are homeless and half that number will have no breakfast this morning according to a telegram received here early today from County Judge Tim L. Beauchamp of Paris, Texas.

The telegram added:

"We need groceries and money today."

Loaded with provision for the fire-stricken sufferers, a special train left here early today for Paris. Wholesale grocers responded to the appeal of Mayor Lindsay and thousands of pounds of foodstuffs were placed aboard the train.

Ten thousand loaves of bread were ordered baked and will be sent to Paris on a train early this afternoon.

2,000 Homes in Ashes.

Paris, March 22.—With approximately 8,000 persons homeless, the entire business section of Paris wiped out by fire and fifteen hundred to two thousand dwellings destroyed, the flames which started shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon still were burning at different points in the city at daybreak today.

From the most authentic sources, stands at from two and a half to five and a half millions of dollars. Rumors, vague but persistent, were that from 10 to 30 persons had lost their lives in the holocaust.

Confirmation, however, was lacking and while considering the property damage, it seemed miraculous that no person had been killed. The opinion of those best informed was that no person had met death.

Shelter Many Homeless.

Thousands of homeless men, women and children were being cared for as best possible early today in private residences, railway stations and the few remaining public buildings. The question of making definite arrangements to care for these unfortunate was expected to be taken up by the city authorities early in the morning.

Food supplies, however, were not a serious problem, every hotel, restaurant and grocery in the city having been destroyed.

The wind, which was blowing a gale when the fire started at 5:30 yesterday and which had abated considerably shortly after midnight, shifted at (Continued on Page 2)

WHIP REBELLIOUS NEGRO

Drove Fire Fighters From His Property at Point of Rifle.

Brittish, Okla., March 22.—John Griffin, a negro, was taken from the jail here last night and horsewhipped because he had driven members of the local fire department off his property with a rifle when they were fighting a cotton gin fire.

Army Enforces War Economy On New Styles

Berlin, March 22.—The German army has opened hostilities on a new foe—women's fashions. The large consumption of cloth under the prevailing styles has inspired the army authorities to call a conference to deliberate on measures designed to influence future fashions in the direction of greater economy in materials.

The minister of war, with true military astuteness, is not attempting to affect styles already in vogue or to forbid women their flowing skirts.

TALE IN FIGURES

Charles F. Scott received the highest vote cast for a candidate for the state convention fight for places on the delegation at large to the Republican national convention. The Scott vote was 891 of a possible 962.

W. Y. Morgan was second in the record vote of the convention. He polled 737 1/2 of the 962 votes. His vote came from 30 of the 105 counties, while Scott received votes in but 85 counties. The vote for A. F. Williams of Columbus was 612, while that of T. D. Smith was 559. Willis J. Bailey of Atchison was fifth in the race with a total of 581 votes.

Joseph L. Bristow, with the influence which was carried by his alignment with the Bailey-Burrow crowd and the influence of the public utilities commission, managed to finish sixth in the race. With the votes which utilities commission influence is said to have dragged out of Crawford county, Bristow piled up a grand total of 346 votes—slightly more than one-third of the vote of the convention and 115 votes less than a majority.

McAdams of Wyandotte received 171 votes and George W. Hanna of Clay Center gathered 164 votes.

The vote of the convention by counties was as follows:

Counties	Scott	Morgan	Williams	Smith	McAdams
Allen	15	15	15	7	4
Anderson	9	9	15	19	4
Barber	4	4	15	4	4
Barton	14	14	15	14	4
Beecher	15	15	15	15	4
Brown	15	15	15	15	4
Butler	11	11	11	11	4
Chautauk	8	8	8	8	4
Cherokee	15	15	15	15	4
Clark	10	10	10	10	4
Clay	12	12	12	12	4
Coffey	12	12	12	12	4
Comanche	10	10	10	10	4
Cowley	10	10	10	10	4
Crawford	27	27	27	27	4
Decatur	15	15	15	15	4
Delaware	15	15	15	15	4
Dickinson	15	15	15	15	4
Dodge	14	14	14	14	4
Douglas	14	14	14	14	4
Ellis	4	4	4	4	4
Ellsworth	4	4	4	4	4
Finney	4	4	4	4	4
Franklin	4	4	4	4	4
Geary	4	4	4	4	4
Graham	4	4	4	4	4
Grant	4	4	4	4	4
Greene	4	4	4	4	4
Harmon	4	4	4	4	4
Harper	4	4	4	4	4
Haskell	4	4	4	4	4
Hickman	4	4	4	4	4
Hoffman	4	4	4	4	4
Jefferson	4	4	4	4	4
Johnson	4	4	4	4	4
Kearny	4	4	4	4	4
Kiowa	4	4	4	4	4
Lane	4	4	4	4	4
Leavenworth	4	4	4	4	4
Lincoln	4	4	4	4	4
Lyons	4	4	4	4	4
Marion	4	4	4	4	4
Marshall	4	4	4	4	4
McPherson	4	4	4	4	4
Meade	4	4	4	4	4
Miami	4	4	4	4	4
Michigan	4	4	4	4	4
Monroe	4	4	4	4	4
Morton	4	4	4	4	4
Nebraska	4	4	4	4	4
Neosho	4	4	4	4	4
Ness	4	4	4	4	4
Osage	4	4	4	4	4
Ottawa	4	4	4	4	4
Pawnee	4	4	4	4	4
Peru	4	4	4	4	4
Porter	4	4	4	4	4
Pratt	4	4	4	4	4
Rego	4	4	4	4	4
Rock	4	4	4	4	4
Rice	4	4	4	4	4
Riley	4	4	4	4	4
Russell	4	4	4	4	4
Salt	4	4	4	4	4
Scott	4	4	4	4	4
Sevier	4	4	4	4	4
Seward	4	4	4	4	4
Shawnee	4	4	4	4	4
Sheridan	4	4	4	4	4
Shiela	4	4	4	4	4
Stafford	4	4	4	4	4
Stanton	4	4	4	4	4
Sumner	4	4	4	4	4
Thomas	4	4	4	4	4
Wagoner	4	4	4	4	4
Washington	4	4	4	4	4
Wichita	4	4	4	4	4
Woodson	4	4	4	4	4
Wyandotte	4	4	4	4	4
Total	891	737	612	559	581

WOMEN KISS SOLDIERS

Americans Give Wild Demonstration on Troops' Arrival at Casas Grandes.

El Paso, March 22.—Women kissed the United States soldiers as rescuers, men cheered and the American flag was brought out from hiding places when Colonel Dodd's cavalry rode into Casas Grandes after their record march to the relief of the Mormon colonists, according to stories told by Mexicans today.

Children carried the tired, dusty troops water, fruit and other refreshments, while the men of the colony turned their alfalfa and farm products to the army. Women insisted on cooking for the cavalrymen.

Mexicans of Casas Grandes were silent witnesses of the wild demonstrations of joy.

STANDPATTERS PLAYED THEIR FIGHT FOR DELEGATES

Twenty Safe, Sound Republicans to Chicago Convention.

Lawrence, John O. Morse, Mound City.

Third district—S. E. Fitzpatrick, Independence; A. H. Denton, Arkansas.

Fourth district—Charles E. Moore, Eureka; L. Rhodes, Council Grove.

Fifth district—E. L. Fulton, Marysville; Fred Sturgis, Concordia.

Sixth district—Emmett George, Manhattan; E. C. Purcell, Wakeeney.

Seventh district—J. J. Pettyjohn, Dodge City; N. Tinner, Medicine Lodge.

Eighth district—J. B. Adams, El Dorado; Bern Brainerd, Newton.

At large—Charles F. Scott, Topeka; W. Y. Morgan, Lawrence; John O. Morse, Mound City; Lawrence, John O. Morse, Mound City; Lawrence, John O. Morse, Mound City.

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Kansas standpaters have won their fight for delegates to the Republican national convention in Chicago. Seventy district Republicans today agreed in advance of their convention to the election of L. J. Pettyjohn of Dodge City and J. N. Tinner of Medicine Lodge as delegates to the national convention. The line-up means that twenty safe, sound, conservative Republicans will represent the state in Chicago in June.

Opposition to either Pettyjohn or Tinner was today withdrawn at the Seventh district convention, which was held this afternoon in Hutchinson.

Pettyjohn was at all times a safe bet for a place on the delegation. A fight which was precipitated in the district of Dodge City or Clay County wiped out and the two well known Seventh district men went without a contest.

In Every District.

In the fight for control of the delegation to the national convention the Republican regulars have won in every district. All of the sixteen district delegates are most positive and determined conservatives.

W. Y. Morgan, lieutenant governor and close friend and ally of the Capper administration, was given a place on the standpat slate and elected as a delegate at large. He urged recognition of the Roosevelt administration and T. D. Smith of Hiawatha won over both Bristow and Hanna in Tuesday's state convention.

In the Fifth district, where several of the delegates have made no expression of choice, the delegation is solidly conservative. None of the delegates favors the nomination of Roosevelt.

None of the delegations is bound by instructions for presidential possibilities. Morgan is strongly for Hughes. Others are known to favor the Fifth district and several of the delegates have made no expression of choice. The delegation is solidly conservative. None of the delegates favors the nomination of Roosevelt.

Seventh district Republicans this afternoon followed the lead of the Fifth district and elected Tinner, a two delegates to vote for Fred Stanley of Wichita for national committeeman. The election of Stanley is assured. He is a conservative, but a desert innocent baby like that little fellow.

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PLAYED WITH 10 GERMAN BABIES DAY LONG IN WALK SAINLY SDEWALK

Child, Deserted by Parents, Wearing Only a Nightgown.

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MOTHER HAS DISAPPEARED

"Uncle" Donated \$15 and Baby to a Family of 7 Children.

Then Head of Family Was Killed in House Moving.

Deserted by its parents and reduced to a mere skeleton through lack of proper nourishment a ten-day-old baby was brought before Hugh MacFarland, judge of the probate court, today. Temporarily, at least, it will have good care in the hands of Anna M. Langley, who took it from a family of children who were making a plaything of it.

The mother left Topeka last night in company with three other children and a mother who claimed to be an uncle of the child. Even then the mother had not seen the child since the day after its birth.

About three weeks ago the man who gave his name as Joseph Grub applied at the home of Henry Hoefler, 143 Monroe street, for a room for a woman and three children.

The woman and children arrived and a week ago last Saturday night the child was born to a woman who was taken away by Grub. No one appeared as father of any of the children. The three older children called themselves "Blatz."

Soon after the birth of the child Grub took it to the home of Jack Stevens near the corner of Taylor and Grant street in North Topeka and made arrangements for its care. He stated that the Russian is near at hand, the child's uncle and that he would pay \$15 a month for its maintenance. Although the Stevens had a family of seven children they agreed to take the child.

Made Plaything of It.

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